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- 1. On 13 February 1953 a meeting was held by the Partei-Aktiv of the SED employees' group in the Minister President's office to discuss the SED proposals for Berlin. It was stated that the party's warning to the Berlin population was the final warning; it called for the overthrow of the Reuter Senate and the election of a united municipal administration after the withdrawal of all occupation troops. Minister President Otto Grotewohl said that all possible concessions had been made and that actionwould follow. His assistant Tschorn added that West Berlin would have to accept the responsibility for its intransigence.
- 2. In connection with the problem of the reunification of Germany, mention was made of the possibility that, before the third reading of the EDC Treaty at Bonn, Wilhelm Pieck, President of East Germany, would make another appeal to the West Germans, and that the Kremlin might indicate a willingness to join in four-power talks.

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